

55. (Previously presented) The device of claim 54, wherein the tactile feedback means includes surface texture on the outer surface of the central scrolling area.

56. (Previously presented) The device of claim 53, further comprising a housing with an opening that frames at least the central scrolling area, and wherein the tactile feedback means includes changes in the surface of the frame in the region immediately adjacent the opening.

57. (Previously presented) The device of claim 53, wherein the tactile feedback means includes at least one member coupled to the housing and extending into a boundary of the central scrolling area.

REMARKS

This Amendment is intended to replace the Amendment filed December 23, 2004 as a few of the claims had an identified of "Amended" that has herein been substituted by "Currently Amended". This Amendment should be used in lieu of the December 23, 2004 Amendment.

Claims 2-12, 14-18, 20, 42-50 and 52-57 are currently pending. Claims 12, 14-16, 20, 42-45, 47, 49-50, and 52-53 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants thank Examiner Duc Q. Dinh for courtesies extended for the telephonic interview of November 22, 2004. During the Examiner's Interview, it was agreed that (a) claim 5 is allowable, (b) claim 20 contained allowable subject matter if placed in independent form, and (c) claim 51 would be allowable if placed in independent form and amended to clarify a purpose for the saw-tooth contour. Further, the Examiner indicated that he found U. S. Patent No. 6,081,207 in his search, that he has fully considered this reference, and that he will endeavor to formally list it on Form PTO-892 with a Notice of Allowance.

In this amendment, independent claim 5 has been left unchanged as such was indicated as being allowable by the Examiner in the Examiner's Interview. Dependent claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form including the features of previously pending independent claim 13 and the features from claim 19 but for "the scrolling area being disposed within the alphanumeric section" which was discussed as being not needed for the patentability of that claim. The

features of dependent claim 51 and the requested functional recitation have been added into independent claim 50. Selected dependent claims have been amended to change their dependency to maintain consistency with claims from which they depend and/or to make the claims more clear. Further, other pending independent claims have been amended to be placed in dependent form. Accordingly, all independent claims are allowable, and all other claims dependent from those claims are therefore allowable for at least those reasons.

Thus, by this amendment, applicants respectfully assert that the case is in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve all rights to pursue the canceled claims in a continuing application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Any fees required for this Amendment are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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